

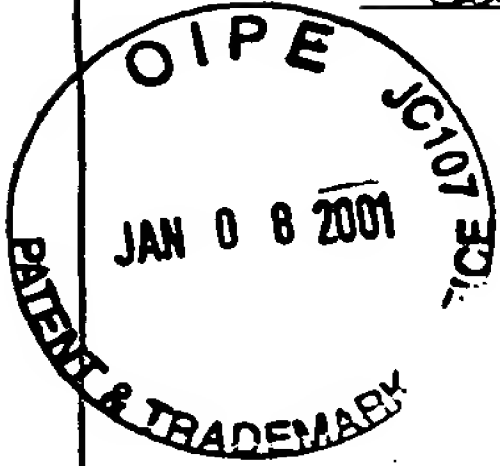
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AMDENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Please enter in the first sentence of the first paragraph of the specification immediately before the period, --, now US Patent No. 5,922,534, issued July 13, 1999--.

Please amend Claim 15 as follows.

~~1--15.~~ (AMENDED) A method for detecting a mobile nucleic acid comprising the steps of:

providing an assay plate having a dried aliquot of an immobilized nucleic acid bound thereon, said immobilized nucleic acid binding said mobile nucleic acid when both said immobilized nucleic acid and said mobile nucleic acid are in a [set] wet state;

bringing a solution containing said mobile nucleic acid into contact with said dried aliquot;

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